

**HUC/IHS/ EPA HAMP Meeting**  
**9-20-17**  
**Notes and Action Items**

**USDA PER Update** – The HUC and IHS had a call with USDA’s Mike Luecker and Jeff Hays to discuss the update to the PER that would satisfy USDA’s comments. It was agreed that IHS would provide a narrative addendum to the PER that addressed USDA’s comments, would update the PER introduction to include non-monetary reasons for the Tribes selection of the regional water system concept, and would correct errors and add clarification within the original PER document where previously noted (ex. Corrections to maps). In addition to the information already provided to USDA in the joint-agency response document, the addendum would contain actual O+M cost information for the existing treatment plant operations at Upper Moenkopi and possibly small non-tribal communities that are not within close proximity to larger populations centers and readily available contract services. It is currently thought that this cost information will corroborate cost estimates contained in the life cycle cost analysis for the treatment alternative.

IHS will summarize in an email what they believe USDA agreed to regarding the PER revision. They will send that narrative to the HUC who can then forward to USDA to ensure that they agree. Assuming the addendum narrative will suffice, IHS expects to complete the update within 45-60 days so that the HUC can apply to USDA for funding.

**IHS/EPA/HUC Project Phasing Meeting** – The HUC has requested a project funding and phasing meeting with EPA and IHS on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am in advance of the HUC board meeting on Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>. The HUC has agreed to send out a meeting invite and agenda prior to the meeting. Possible agenda topics include: 1) Updated total project costs; 2) Proposed Tribal/HUC contributions to capital and O+M costs; 3) Potential IHS contributions; 4) Potential EPA contributions; 5) Determining USDA application for loan/grant remainder; 6) Cost of individual phases.

EPA and IHS stated that their agency contributions are still contingent upon the HUC completing the following: 1) Submitting an application to the USDA for funding the remaining cost of the entire regional system; 2) Obtaining First Mesa signatures on the Utility/Tribal/Village agreements in support of the HAMP; 3) Developing a first-year operating budget and completed financials in support of USDA application and IHS/EPA application requirements; and 4) Completing any follow-up requirements for USDA funding.

The HUC/Tribe have currently committed to roughly \$2M in HAMP funding. \$1M of this is targeted for delivery of power to the Turquoise Trail Wells. There was some discussion as to whether or not the remaining \$1M is best used as an O&M reserve to subsidize and lower costs to the end user or as a contribution toward facilities. It was noted that the former would result in a larger RD grant/loan which in turn might increase end user costs. It was noted that this type of determination is in the HUC/Tribes purview. Carroll mentioned seeking other sources of grant funding and HUD was discussed as possible option. It was noted that the HUC/Tribe would take

the lead on any initiative to identify additional grant funds prior to submittal of grant/loan request to RD.

**HUC Board Meeting and HAMP Regional System Site Review** – The HUC Board will be meeting on September 26 in part to discuss the HAMP and on September 27 will be conducting a site visit. IHS to identify a representative to guide this tour and review the selected distribution route and projected location of facilities (i.e. tanks, pump stations, etc.).

**Capital Cost Updates** – The HUC asked if geotechnical evaluations had been completed on the proposed route to evaluate the likelihood of encountering rock which could affect construction costs. IHS agreed to evaluate the risk of encountering rock.

**Tribal Council Meeting** – EPA asked if the November tribal council dates had been set. The HUC, EPA and IHS envision collaborative presentation to the Council to update them on HAMP progress. The HUC stated that they believed the next council date would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in November but they agreed to provide EPA and IHS with updated dates.

**First Mesa Village Utility Agreement Update** – The HUC met with First Mesa on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss Village/Utility agreements. FM indicated that they support the project but further education and outreach is necessary to obtain their signatures to the agreement.